

May 21, 1946

Dear Dr. Langdon:

I think you will have my letter concerning the post mortem material before this one arrives. However, in case the letter of May 7th has been mislaid, I will explain the condition of the specimens again. The specimens from the intestine and liver were so large that they nearly filled the bottles and, although I took the precaution of adding 95% instead of 70% alcohol, there was still marked decomposition after two or 3 days. I opened these bottles cautiously after I saw that gas was accumulating in them and added a few ccs. of formalin to each and a little more alcohol in the hope that further decomposition would be prevented.

We were greatly rushed in obtaining this material and it was only by accident that we heard about the post mortem which was actually performed in another hospital. We arrived after all the dissection had been completed and only had about thirty minutes in which to get the material together. I believe that the weights on the labels of the jars and also included in the letter of May 7th are approximately correct. I suppose the best you can do would be to ash the entire specimen and take aliquots from the solution of ash. But why should I tell you how to do it?

There seems to have been some confusion as to when collections of feces began in the cases of Hp 4 and Hp 7. According to my records, Hp 4 was readmitted on March 12th, 1946. Urine was collected beginning 8 AM March 12th. However, fecal collections were not begun on this patient until 8 AM on March 13th. The record of collection is as follows:

<u>Date</u>	<u>% Fms.</u>	<u>Time</u>
2/13/46 (8 AM)	13.0	9:45 AM
2/13/46	47.3	7:30 PM
2/14/46	131.7	1:30 PM
2/14/46	30.9	8:40 PM
2/15/46	149.7	9:45 AM
2/15/46	94.4	12:35 PM
2/15/46	58.2	7:15 PM

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This collection period closed at 8 AM on 2/17/46. The weight of the jar plus specimens was 1960 gms. The weight of the suspension was 1300 gms. Hp 7 was readmitted on 4/26/46 and the collection of urine was begun at 8 AM on this date. The collection of feces however was not begun until 8 AM on 4/27/46. Following is the list of the dates and amount of collection.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Wt. gms.</u>	<u>Time</u>
4/27/46 (8 AM)	210.3	9:00 AM
4/28/46	50.5	9:00 AM
4/29/46	109.1	9:40 AM
4/30/46	91.4	10:45 AM
5/1/46	-----	-----
5/1/46 (8 AM)	46.2	8:15 AM
5/1/46	195.2	10:15 AM
5/2/46	86.9	9:00 AM
5/3/46	181.7	9:15 AM
5/3/46	60.5	3:00 PM
5/4/46	-----	-----

You will see that these two collections represent two periods during the readmission of this subject. I believe that the time interval covered in the case of Hp 4 was seven 24 hr. periods and in the case of Hp 7 the fecal collections were split into two intervals, each consisting of four 24 hr. periods. In this case, 8 consecutive collections were made.

I have heard no objection as yet of my selection of Hp 10, so if I hear nothing further, I assume that silence gives consent.

Sincerely yours,

Samuel H. Bassett

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